

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11-2024**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN THE CITY OF
HAMILTON AND THE TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE IN RAVALLI COUNTY IN THE
STATE OF MONTANA**

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2024, the Town of Stevensville and the City of Hamilton both experienced a severe thunderstorm event, with high wind gusts of at least 26 mph, with reported gusts in surrounding areas of up to 52 mph, lightning strikes, and other severe thunderstorm behaviors; and

WHEREAS, this event created substantial damage in the affected jurisdictions including trees falling in public streets, city parks and other public areas, which damaged parked vehicles, homes, and power lines, disrupting power services and impacting delivery of government services, including at the Hamilton wastewater treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stevensville and the City of Hamilton have both issued emergency proclamations, and activated applicable portions of their jurisdictional emergency plans and programs; and

WHEREAS, both jurisdictions have reported emergency costs and damage to critical infrastructure that exceed the emergency mill levy amounts of the affected jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary State government services, equipment, and suppliers under this proclamation will further efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve the lives, property, and resources of the people of the State of Montana; and

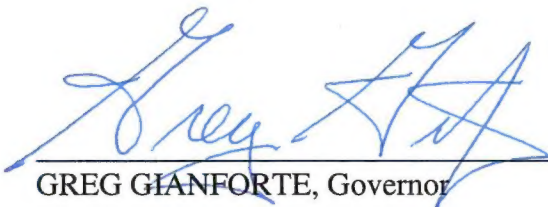
WHEREAS, a proclamation of disaster authorizes the Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG GIANFORTE, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution, and the laws of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable statutes, do hereby declare under §10-3-103 and §10-3-303, MCA, that a disaster exists in the Town of Stevensville and the City of Hamilton in Ravalli County within the State of Montana.

This Order is effective September 12, 2024.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of
the State of Montana this 12th day of
September, 2024.





GREG GIANFORTE, Governor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI JACOBSEN, Secretary of State